



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

As we reflect on this holiday season we want to thank you for your help and support throughout the year. We wish you health, comfort and prosperity this holiday season and that you may have a prosperous new year!

*Councilmember Richard G. Fimbres
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Ward 5 Year in Review

As this year draws to a close, I wanted to thank the good citizens of Tucson, who have given me the opportunity to serve, representing Ward 5 on the City Council. It has been a pleasure working with my colleagues on the Council as well as with the constituents, neighborhoods and businesses in Ward 5, and with city staff. From now till August 2015, I have the honor to serve as your Vice Mayor. I was selected by my colleagues on the Council and I look forward to helping our Mayor when necessary.



Tucson is beginning to see the light at the end of the dark economic tunnel our community has faced during the worst economic time our country has seen since the Great Depression. When I was sworn into office in 2009, I got the message voters sent in terms of what was needed: reforming city government, economic development and creating jobs. Over the past five years we have accomplished much of this, drawing new businesses to Ward 5 and the City of Tucson, annexing property around the City

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and fighting to ensure that barriers to economic development are addressed and averted.

Over the last year, Ward 5 has seen a tremendous amount of continued investment from businesses. Because of this investment the Tucson Chamber of Commerce has praised my efforts to make Tucson a more business friendly place. I have worked hard to bring about change to make it easier for businesses to set up shop and operate in our city. This includes the Certificate of Occupancy, the streamlining of the development process, approving the biggest commercial annexations of land in 15 years, getting the local purchase ordinance adopted and a proactive approach from my office in assisting businesses to open up or move into Ward 5.

Body Central Physical Therapy, Sports & Wellness Center, 1900 E. Ajo Way - Bodycentral Physical Therapy was opened in 2001 with a dynamic vision; to be the provider of choice for people in Tucson experiencing musculoskeletal injuries and pain conditions. Their talented staff includes Doctors of Physical Therapy and therapists with Board Certifications in Orthopaedics, Sports, & Women's Health. Their mission is to provide quality, evidence-based treatment for all musculoskeletal problems-doing this with an exceptional patient experience. More than 64 jobs were created by this new location.

Modular Mining Expansion, 3285-3289 E. Hemisphere Loop - Modular Mining Systems recently completed a roughly \$10 million expansion, adding about 50 new jobs with salaries averaging more than \$60,000 per year. Modular Mining Systems employs 225 at its Tucson corporate headquarters.

Purcell Tire and Auto Service Center, 1515 E. Ajo Way - This Tucson facility features state of the art equipment with 6 retail bays and 3 drive-through commercial bays. There is easy access off Interstate 10 and has a large circular drive that makes it extremely easy for large trucks to enter and exit the service center. More than 20 jobs were created with this new center. The facility is equipped to do heavy-duty alignments on commercial vehicles with the latest Hunter Engineering equipment. It offers Roadside tire service to fleets 24/7. The expanded warehouse has allowed Purcell to have on hand multiple tire lines and sizes from Goodyear, Dunlap, Hancock, Michelin, Kelly, Yoyo, and other nationally recognized quality brands. This Purcell Tire & Service Center is the newest and largest truck tire center serving all of Southern Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. Purcell Tire & Service Center has built a reputation of trust, providing quality vehicle maintenance and diagnostic services along with offering an extensive selection of top tire brands for retail and commercial vehicles.



Shared Services Center, 6223 S. Palo Verde – Shared Services Center is a provider of business office support services. The 200 employees that were hired are responsible for the processing of medical insurance claims, billing, insurance collection and customer service.

Guardvant, 2700 E. Executive Road - Guardvant is a mining technology supplier with successful

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implementations in mines throughout the world and more than 50 jobs were created at this new location.

Centene Corporation, 2705 E. Medina Road - Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading multi-line healthcare enterprise that provides programs and related services to the rising number of under-insured and uninsured individuals. This new business will eventually employ over 100 people at this location.

Culver's Restaurant, 3070 S. Campbell Avenue. - The new addition to the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges will create more than 60 new jobs.

More than 2,000 new jobs in Ward 5 alone have been created since I took office as your Councilmember on December 7, 2009.

The City of Tucson lives off of sales tax and for KIDCO prices to be affordable, bus fares not to be raised and to pay for the services constituents want, the City must help to generate sales tax revenue. A special "thank you" to all those for their work to help open a new business in Ward 5 and Tucson. They have been working hard to put people back to work by creating jobs!



Another instrumental piece that has helped to steer Tucson out of the Great Recession has been our aggressive efforts to annex land in and around the City. With the City's improved annexation policies our recent annexations have helped bring in construction sales taxes, permit fees and state shared revenues to help pay the cost of providing government services to residents and businesses. With more than 300,000 people living outside the Tucson city limits, that amounts to tens of millions of dollars every year in tax money already paid to the State of Arizona that could be used in our community to help fund police, fire, roads, and parks.

The most annexations in the past five years have come from the Ward 5 area, from Valencia Crossing, Empire Vista, Hughes and Hoover and now four parcels, totaling 2,500 acres around the Tucson airport.

Valencia Crossing - Bob Morken Sr. and Bob Jr. reported that two developers have opened escrow on property at Valencia Crossing: Bourn Properties and Evergreen Development. Bourn has one parcel comprising 19 acres and Evergreen has three parcels comprising 28 acres. Both are working diligently to secure their main users, who will guide their respective developments.

Empire Vista – The Empire Vista Annexation District officially become part of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson on May 9. The property within this proposed annexation district is located south of Valencia and north of Interstate 10. Encompassing approximately 100.2 acres, there are currently 152 single family homes, one retail/service station and several vacant, undeveloped parcels. For the next 10 years the projected revenues for this newly annexed area will exceed projected expenses for which an analysis was conducted.

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Century Park Marketplace - The annexation includes approximately 163 acres at the intersection of Kolb and Valencia Roads. The site has the potential for development of 1.3 million square feet of retail space, which would generate construction sales tax, retail sales tax, and impact fees.

Cherrybell Is Still Open

The Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center is still open and the battle to keep it open enters its fourth year.

In 2011, our City received the announcement from the United States Postal Service (USPS) that the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center was on a list of USPS facilities that may be closed down.

A public outcry and lobbying by members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation, work by your Ward 5 Council office and protests from the business community has kept Cherrybell from closing, despite the announcements from local postal officials and the periodic news stories from Tucson's only daily newspaper over the past three years.



My office had received documentation from the United States Postal Service that showed the agency had not done any fact finding or studies to justify closing any of the 82 centers on their list, which included Cherrybell. Here is what I said at the October 15, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting on this subject.

“What I distributed to the Mayor and Council at the October 15 meeting was a Memorandum from the US Postal Service Office of Inspector General's memorandum to the US Postal Service Vice President of Network Operations.

“My office received this document over the weekend and had it verified by our federal lobbyists.

“In brief, the memorandum states that the USPS failed to complete and evaluate the service standard impacts of the feasibility studies for the phase 2 consolidations, including the Tucson Postal Processing and Distribution Center (Cherrybell.)

“The USPS IG concluded that the “Postal Service has not analyzed the impact of planned service standard changes or informed stakeholders of the changes related to Phase 2 consolidations.” It goes on to state that “without completing and disclosing the analysis of planned service standard changes the Postal Service may experience:

“Degradation of service to communities, including delayed mail; carriers delivering mail after 5 p.m. because of unexpected workload and customer dissatisfaction, which could harm the Postal Service's brand and affect future revenue.”

The USPS Inspector General's memo provides the following recommendations:

“Complete the service standard impacts worksheet in all of the Area Mail Processing feasibility studies for Phase 2 Network Rationalization Initiatives scheduled to begin January 5, 2015, and evaluate the im-

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pacts that revised standards will have on each affected community before implementing the consolidations.” They assert that the standard impacts should be evaluated before implementing consolidations to ensure there is no negative impact on delivery service quality.

“The Inspector General states that they require concurrence with USPS management’s evaluation and written confirmation when corrective action is taken. The Inspector General will then provide written confirmation that the recommendation can be closed after determining a proper evaluation has been conducted.

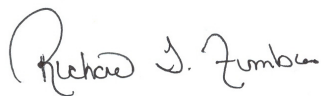
“The USPS Office of Inspector General’s memorandum to USPS Vice President of Network Operations reveals many serious flaws in the USPS approach to consolidation of postal processing facilities. It points out that USPS has not analyzed the impact that planned service standard changes would have or informed stakeholders of these changes.

“The lack of adequate public notice and a public comment process along with the changes to the overnight delivery standard is of great concern and has grabbed the attention of leaders in Congress.”

I made the following motion, to have the Mayor and Council to draft a letter to the Postmaster General to stop the closure process until the service standard impacts of the feasibility studies are completed, as well as having our federal lobbyists to draft a memo on this, working with our Congressional delegation and to reiterate the Mayor and Council’s opposition to the phase 2 consolidation and the closure of the Cherrybell Processing Center. This motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Our efforts continue. The business community, led by Mr. George Kalil of Kalil Bottling, as well as other community groups and organizations continue this fight to keep Cherrybell, Tucson and Southern Arizona’s Post Office and Processing Center open and operating. So visit the Ward 5 webpage, my two Facebook pages and read it here in your Ward 5 newsletter.

Peace,



Richard Fimbres

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Year in Review Report from our City Manager, Martha Durkin

At the December 16th, Mayor and Council meeting, our City Manager, Martha Durkin gave a year in review report on the accomplishments the City of Tucson had over 2014. Here are her remarks and the report she gave.

“Since this is the last Mayor and Council meeting of the calendar year, I would like to provide a summary of some of the many accomplishments of our City departments.

“General Services, Information Technology, Police and Fire worked with Pima County to complete

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implementation of the Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN), which is a regional, interoperable public safety voice communications network.

“Tucson Water supplied high quality water to approximately 709,000 customers.

“Economic Initiatives negotiated annexation agreements for more than 5 square miles.

City court collections contributed more than \$13.6 million to the City’s General Fund and other accounts.

“Development Services issued 562 permits for construction.

“Environmental Services collected waste and recycling from over 140,000 accounts.

Human Resources ran more than 200 recruitments with more than 13,000 job applications.

Intergovernmental Relations reviewed nearly 1,000 bills pending before the state legislature.

Information Technology assisted the City Prosecutor and Public Defender with their new Case Management System for the nearly 26,000 criminal cases pending in City Court.

Reid Park Zoo had more than 600,000 visitors due in large part to the birth of Nandi, the only African elephant born in the United States in 2014.

“Tucson Fire delivered 8 babies, fought 1,441 fires.

“The Public Defender represented more than 6,500 defendants in 2014.

“Transportation paved 243 lane miles this year as part of the Proposition 409 Program.

“Real Property negotiated \$5,400,000 in land sales.

“Procurement managed over 1,050 existing contracts and awarded 125 new contracts valued at over \$200,000,000.

“Tucson Police dispatched 164,790 calls.

“Office of Integrated Planning facilitated 70 meetings with the public; there were nearly 1,500 participants.

“This is certainly not a complete list of accomplishments, but it gives you an idea of the volume and complexity of our work. I know the Mayor and Council join me in acknowledging our employees’ progress this year as we continue in a positive direction for the City.”



Martha Durkin,
Interim City Manager



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Charter Review

Tucson's Charter Review Committee is asking for public comments as it reviews and make recommendations regarding possible amendments to sections of the Tucson City Charter. Comments will be accepted through 2015, and potential amendments to the City Charter may be on the Nov. 3, 2015 City ballot. All comments should be made via email to the City Clerk's Office, city-clerk@tucsonaz.gov.

Public meetings:

Thursday Jan 8., 2015, 4 p.m. - City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, 1st Floor
 Tuesday Jan. 20, 2015, 4 p.m. - City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, 1st Floor
 Monday Feb. 9, 2015, 4 p.m. - City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, 1st Floor
 Thursday Feb. 19, 2015, 4 p.m. - City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, 1st Floor

Council Doesn't Raise Bus Fairs

The Tucson City Council voted 5-2 to adjust bus routes (link below) that would save the City about \$110,000 dollars for the rest of this fiscal year and \$264,000 next fiscal year. The City will apply gas savings and push some purchase contracts into the next fiscal year, Interim City Manager Martha Durkin told the Council.

Approved route changes: <http://bit.ly/1BazYeB>



Assured Water Supply

The Assured Water Supply (AWS) program is designed to sustain Arizona's economic health by preserving groundwater resources and promoting long-term water supply planning. Before developers in the Tucson Water service area can record plats or sell parcels, the City must demonstrate a 100 year supply of water to meet current and future growth water demands. The State of Arizona recently issued the City a Designation of Assured Supply for approximately 183,000 acre-feet/year of available water supply through 2025. That exceeds Tucson's projected demands of approximately 155,000 acre-feet/year, which puts the City in a strong position to support future population growth and economic development.

New Parking Meters Downtown

Downtown Tucson now has 21 new "smart parking meters," which accept coins, credit cards, debit cards, and will soon accept stored value cards. A new smart-phone app will be available soon that will allow parking customers to pay through their cell phones. The new meters relay data to Park Tucson to monitor meter operations, revenue, occupancy, and other data to assess future parking needs. The solar-powered meters at Pennington Street and 6th Avenue are the first of more than 850 parking meters expected to be installed downtown this month, with another 200 at Main Gate Square and locations near the University of Arizona



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campus. Next month, more than 350 meters will be installed in the 4th Avenue business district. More information about how to use the meters is at the Park Tucson website linked below.
Park Tucson: <http://t.usa.gov/lqgTeli>

Light the Night

In support of safe, visible and lawful bicycle riding, the City of Tucson Bicycle and Pedestrian Program and Pima Association of Governments partnered with Living Streets Alliance to put on "Light the Night," a bike light distribution and bicycle safety education campaign, that was held December 2. Each month at different locations across the region, teams of volunteers will distribute free front and rear light sets to people on bikes spotted riding without them. Since October, more than 400 light sets and 65 free helmets for youth have been distributed to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. City of Tucson bicycle law states: *"Any bicycle used at night must have at least a white headlight visible up to 500 feet away and a red reflector visible up to 300 feet away."* Failure to do so can result in a \$184 traffic fine.

For more information visit <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/light-the-night-campbell-3rd/> or call 520-261-8777.

Sun Link Tucson Streetcar News

Tucson's Streetcar Gets National Attention

The Sun Link Tucson Streetcar is a little more than four months old, but it's serving as an example for cities and others interested in that mode of travel. Shellie Ginn, who manages the streetcar project for the City of Tucson, appeared on the national radio show Here & Now, a two-hour public radio production of NPR and WBUR in Boston. She said the streetcar created more than \$1 billion in public and private investment, and ridership along the nearly 4-mile route is higher than expected. "So, typically



where you have transit streetcar stops or light rail stops, those are areas where you'll have a lot more businesses and developers interested in developing along that line because they know it's an infrastructure that's a permanent infrastructure and it's not easily removed," she said. "When you have rail on the line and you've got stops, you've got a lot of banks and businesses that want to take the chance on opening a business on something that they know is going to stay there permanently."

Listen to the interview from WBUR: <http://bit.ly/1zQtnF0>

City Receives "Project of the Decade" Award for Streetcar - The Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) recently presented the City of Tucson with the "MPA Project of the Decade" award for the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar. The streetcar was honored as one of 22 exceptional projects in the community during the MPA's 10th annual Common Ground Awards ceremony last week. The awards honor community leaders, projects, and events that overcame great obstacles through collaboration. The \$196 million streetcar project, co-managed by the City of Tucson and the Regional Transportation Authority, is considered to be Tucson's largest and most-complex transportation construction project in city history.

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Sun Link Tucson Streetcar: <http://bit.ly/1mebZ7k>

Zoo News

Zoo Lights – The Reid Park Zoo has opened its annual display of Christmas lights. Zoo Lights will help put you in the holiday spirit, with jingle bells, twinkling lights, falling snow, and Santa. Light displays, animal-themed light sculptures, and thousands of sparkling bulbs are part of the annual holiday tradition. Free cookies will be provided each night, and hot cocoa is available for \$1. Zoo officials say animals will have access to heated night houses for this event, and will likely choose to be off exhibit. Zoo Lights will be open from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. every night, with an encore Dec. 26-28. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under the age of 14.



Another Zoo Baby - The next time you visit Reid Park Zoo, you may see Cranberry, a male flamingo chick hatched just before Thanksgiving. He joins older sister Alice (hatched in October) as the youngest members of the Zoo's flock. You can see a photo of the hatchling at the Zoo's Facebook page, linked below. The newly-hatched flamingos join baby elephant Nandi as must-sees at the Zoo.

Reid Park Zoo Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/1tpk10T>

Attendance Record Hopes – The Reid Park Zoo is hoping to set a new record for its highest annual attendance. The previous record of 606,884 occurred in 2012 following the opening of the Zoo's state-of-the-art Expedition Tanzania exhibit. With already 535,887 visitors to the Zoo through the end of November, the record is well within reach. The Zoo is particularly popular this year due to the Aug. 20 birth of Nandi, the baby African elephant. A mild winter that started off the year also brought more people than normal to the Zoo, and camel rides are now being offered.



TCC Readies for Arena Grand Opening

The Tucson Convention Center (TCC) is less than a month away from unveiling the complete \$7.8 million renovation of the arena. In the video linked below, Tucson 12 shows some of the new additions and the outlook for the future from those who played a part in the project. The public unveiling and celebration of the renovated TCC is set for Saturday, Jan. 3, with an 8 p.m. concert by the Beach Boys. Tickets are still available at the TCC Ticket Office, 260 S. Church Ave., and Ticketmaster (link below)

Tucson 12 video: <http://bit.ly/1wDq6Mc>

TCC: <http://1.usa.gov/1kJJBs2>

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Ticketmaster: <http://bit.ly/VTKJT0>

RTA Board Endorses City's Recommendation to Widen Broadway

The Regional Transportation Authority Board (RTA) has approved \$1.5 million in funding for the City of Tucson to proceed with the roadway corridor design to widen Broadway Boulevard from four to six lanes, from Euclid Avenue to Country Club. The design will include bus pullouts, bike lanes and sidewalks. The RTA plan allocates \$42,120,000 to the Broadway project. Another \$26,222,000 will come from regional funds, including \$25 million from 1997 Pima County Transportation Bonds, and \$3 million from the City of Tucson via already-collected impact fees. The estimated cost to complete the design and final alignment of the corridor, including right-of-way research and estimating, is \$2.5 million. The City of Tucson is contributing \$1 million to complement the RTA's \$1.5 million.

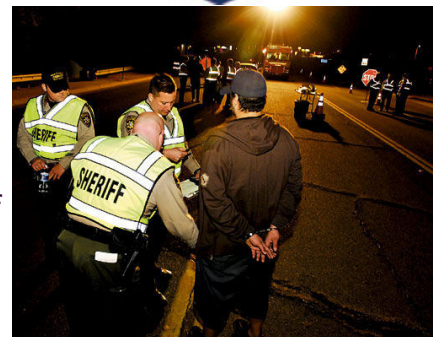


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You Better Watch Out, I'm Telling You Why...

This time of year, with all the holiday parties and festive occasions, many partygoers will be drinking. If you're celebrating with alcohol this holiday season, law enforcement has a message for you: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. Due to the increase in drunk-driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, law enforcement agencies across America will be out in force December 12-January 1, 2015—actively searching for drunk drivers. The facts are grim: in December 2012 there were 830 people killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher; 26 of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. On average, a third (31%) of all crash fatalities in America involves drunk driving. But on Christmas day 2012, the percentage jumps to 36 percent.

It's illegal in every state to drive over the limit of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL). And it might not take as much alcohol as you think to get there. So the safest approach is to only drive sober. If you plan on drinking at a holiday party, bar, or restaurant, let someone else do the driving – a sober friend, a taxi or public transportation. Every year, more than 10,322 people are killed by drunk drivers in America. It's one of the primary missions of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to drastically reduce this toll on our Nation. So as part of the national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* enforcement campaign period, police will be increasing their number of patrols, setting up roadblocks, and using local media to reach all drivers. If you're drinking and driving, police will find and arrest you. No warnings, no excuses. You'll face jail time, fines, loss of your driver's license, towing fees, and other DUI expenses, totaling \$10,000 on



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average. Not to mention the humiliation among your family, friends, and workplace.

Some startling data from NHTSA shows that during the holiday season in 2012, 40 percent of the drunk drivers involved in fatal crashes had at least one prior DUI on their record. And many offenders are young drivers: during that same holiday period 37 percent of the 21- to 24-year old drivers in fatal crashes were drunk. Surprisingly, almost 1 out of 6 drivers under the age of 21 in those fatal crashes were also drunk, even though they're too young to legally buy or consume alcohol.

Tucson drivers, please follow these tips to keep the holidays safe and happy:

- Even one drink can impair your judgment and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk—or worse, the risk of having a crash.
- If you will be drinking, do not plan on driving. Plan ahead; designate a sober driver before the party begins.
- If you have been drinking, do not drive. Call a taxi, phone a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.

Remember, it is never safe to drink and drive: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*

Prepare Your Pipes

As Freeze Watches begin to occur more frequently overnight in the Tucson area, Tucson Water is recommending that residential and business customers insulate exposed water pipes, plumbing, and backflow assemblies as part of their preparation for winter. You can wrap exposed pipes and plumbing with insulation available at plumbing supply and home improvement stores. In a pinch, you also can wrap your exposed pipes with towels and blankets. Tucson Water has tips and videos at the link below.

Tucson Water tips for winter: <http://l.usa.gov/1HDmgWa>
Watch a demonstration video from Tucson 12: <http://bit.ly/1vGIq4N>



Deadline Extended to Apply as a Commission Member

The City of Tucson is accepting applications for the Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation, a panel that reviews and recommends appropriate salaries for the Mayor and Tucson City Council. The new deadline to apply is Dec. 31. Commission members serve a two-month appointment and must be registered voters living within Tucson city limits. They cannot be employees of the City of Tucson, nor a parent, sibling, spouse, child, or dependent relative of an officer or employee of the City. The Commission's salary adjustment recommendations may be placed on the Nov. 3, 2015 election ballot. To nominate a person, or for more information, please contact Monica Perez in the City Manager's Office, 791-4204.

Parks and Recreation Spring Program Guide Now Available

Tucson Parks and Recreation's Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog has arrived and cop-

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ies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation Department facilities, including district offices, centers and pools. Copies will also be available at the Family Festival in the Park event on Saturday, November 15, at Reid Park or can be viewed on-line at: parks.tucsonaz.gov.

The Program Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration and the Discount Program. In addition, the 64-page booklet contains valuable information on other programs and services, including the Department's recreation, senior, and fitness centers, Reid Park Zoo, Tucson City Golf courses and swimming pool locations. Also, find a complete listing of lifeguard training certification courses.

Registration opened on Saturday, November 15th for City residents and Monday, November 17th for non-City residents.

All leisure class listings are available for registration by using EZEereg on-line at: www.ezeereg.com. Please see the program guide for registration information and deadlines.

For questions or more information on registration or programs, contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

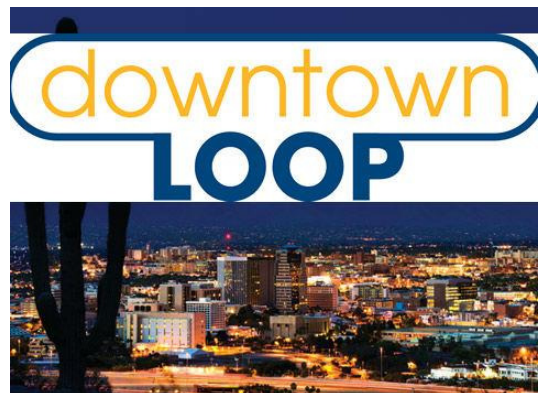
Police Foundation Awarded Grant

State Farm Insurance has presented the Tucson Police Foundation (TPF) with an \$18,750 grant to run Safe Teen Accident Reduction Training (START) classes in coordination with the Tucson Police Department (TPD), and State Farm Insurance. They say motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. Seven teens between the ages 16 to 19 die every day from motor vehicle injuries. START training classes take place on a closed course at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center in Tucson. Classes are taught by TPD professional driving instructors. The four-hour classes are offered at no charge, with a suggested donation of \$50 to the Tucson Police Foundation.

Learn more about the START program from TPD Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/12jGIAf>
Tucson Police Foundation: <http://bit.ly/1z0te2w>

Public Comments Sought

The City of Tucson and Sun Tran are seeking the public's feedback on a proposal to eliminate the Downtown Loop, a free transit service in the downtown area that provides access to community services, government offices, courts, educational facilities and area businesses. With the opening of the Sun Link Tucson Streetcar, the Downtown Loop has become a duplicate service. Many of the Downtown Loop's major stops are within walking distance of Sun Link or existing Sun Tran service. Representatives from Sun Tran will be available at public open house events to answer questions and concerns regarding the proposed service change. A public hearing will be held on Jan. 6th at the Mayor and Council Chambers, 255 W. Alameda St.



Congratulations and Thank You!

I had the privilege of attending the 298th adopt a park ceremony at the Western Institute for Leadership Development, located in Ward 5. This took place on Friday, December 12. I want to congratulate the staff and especially the students for their work cleaning up Belvedere, 22nd Street to 29th Street.

Congratulations to Lugo Charities, John C. Scott and Power Talk 1210 AM for their successful 2014 Bike in a Box, for which 500 bikes were distributed to underprivileged children on Saturday, December 13.

Also on December 13, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burrell was in Tucson for the ACA Event and Health Fair at Los Ranchitos School, located in Ward 5. Mayor Jonthan Rothschild was present, as well as Congressman Raul Grijalva.

The second annual showing of the 1954 movie musical "White Christmas" took place Saturday, December 13, at the Loft Cinema. This was a food drive benefit for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and fund raiser for Tucson's LGBT bowling tournament known as Chuzapalooza, which will be held January 16-19, 2015. 290 people were present for the showing, including our own City Manager, Martha Durkin. Good times, sing-a-longs, and snow fights prevailed.

The Ward 5 Council Office hosted its Holiday Party, Thursday, December 18, at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 South Park. More than 150 attended and I would like to thank Le Cave's Bakery, Los Jarritos, Sunny Daze and Costco for the wonderful food provided.

Also on Saturday, December 20, my aide, Mark Kerr's parents, Clark and Billie Sue Kerr will be celebrating their 56th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Lastly, I want to wish my colleagues, their staffs, city employees and the good citizens of Tucson Happy Holidays.

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

Code Enforcement & Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242
Public Information - 791-4331

ParkWise

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

243-5900



Community Food Bank

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